IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: AUF DER HEIDE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1794

Application No.: 10/570,930

Examiner: M. L. Jacobson

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SMOKE-PERMEABLE POLYAMIDE

BASED FOOD CASING

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina December 7, 2009

Dear Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2009, please enter the following amendment and consider the accompanying remarks in the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time with credit card form to extend the due date to December 7, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 5 of this paper.